



# House of Representatives

## File No. 807

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 569)**

House Bill No. 5729  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 11, 2015

### **AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING KENNEL SERVICES ADVERTISEMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-344 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) No person shall maintain a commercial kennel or offer the  
5 services of a commercial kennel, as defined in section 22-327, until he  
6 or she has obtained from the commissioner a license to maintain [such]  
7 a commercial kennel under such regulations as the commissioner  
8 provides as to sanitation, disease and humane treatment of dogs or  
9 cats and the protection of the public safety. Upon written application  
10 and the payment of a fee of two hundred dollars, the commissioner  
11 shall issue such license to be effective until the ensuing December  
12 thirty-first provided the commissioner finds (A) that such regulations  
13 have been complied with, and (B) in the case of each initial application  
14 for such license, that the zoning enforcement official of the

15 municipality wherein such kennel is to be maintained has certified that  
16 the kennel conforms to the municipal zoning regulations. Such license  
17 shall be renewed annually, not later than December thirty-first, in  
18 accordance with the provisions of this section, and may be transferred  
19 by the licensee to another premises upon approval of the  
20 commissioner.

21 (2) Any person who maintains a commercial kennel [and who  
22 advertises the services of such commercial kennel] or who offers the  
23 services of a commercial kennel, as defined in section 22-327, when  
24 advertising such commercial kennel or services shall cause the  
25 assigned license number, [for such commercial kennel,] as issued  
26 pursuant to [this section] subdivision (1) of this subsection, to clearly  
27 appear in [such] any form of advertisement for such commercial  
28 kennel or services. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in  
29 accordance with chapter 54, to prescribe the requirements for the  
30 appearance of [the] such license number [of a commercial kennel] in  
31 any form of advertisement. Such regulation may include, but need not  
32 be limited to, the size, font and location of such license number for any  
33 given form of advertisement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-344(a)

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires anyone who offers kennel services to display certain information in advertisements. This does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

House "A" eliminates the original bill by requiring anyone offering kennel services to display certain information which does not result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5729 (as amended by House "A")\******AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING KENNEL SERVICES ADVERTISEMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires anyone who offers commercial kennel services to (1) obtain a license from the agriculture commissioner and (2) include the license number in any advertisement for his or her services. License applicants must pay \$200 and comply with related state and municipal regulations. Licenses expire December 31 and may be renewed annually.

By law, unchanged by the bill, anyone who maintains a commercial kennel must (1) obtain a license from the commissioner and (2) include its license number in any advertisement for the commercial kennel. The commissioner may adopt regulations to establish the size, font, and location of license numbers in advertisements.

Under the law, a "commercial kennel" is a kennel maintained for boarding or grooming dogs or cats, including a veterinary hospital that boards or grooms dogs or cats for nonmedical reasons. A "kennel" is a pack or collection of dogs (1) kept by one owner at a single location and (2) bred for show, sport, or sale.

\*House Amendment "A" replaces the original bill (File 569), which required anyone who advertises kennel services to include a kennel license number in any advertisements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23      Nay 6      (03/25/2015)